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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Any fees required should be charged to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 21, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19, without prejudice, as follows:

SubC 19. (Amended) The fuel injector according to claim 12, wherein the valve seat element includes a spray element which includes the outlet orifice and is arranged downstream from the valve seat element, wherein:

the spray element is fixedly connected to the valve seat element.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 12 to 22 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.